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RESOLUTION NO. 00 - 03
A RESOLUTION ON A RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the Commission is charged with the responsibility to provide job training and other development services in rural communities particularly distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, many rural communities do not have an adequate cash economy to maintain or sustain modern community infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, rural communities find it difficult to attract business and industry without adequate public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, many rural communities do not have the capacity or governmental tools to adequately plan for their economic future; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR s) through the State of Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development are not adequately funded; and
WHEREAS, there is not an adequate community and regional planning process that requires coordination of local, state, and federal resources for sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, much of rural Alaska does not have an adequately trained workforce to support construction, maintenance, and operation of public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, rural Alaskans have the desire to develop a sustainable economy that is based on local values;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission adopts the following strategy and policy statements:

Strategy (Important function in achieving evolutionary success.)

- Adopt, promote, and financially support a planning process, illustrated in Planning Models I and 2 located in the "Citizens' Strategy for Rural Economic Development," that is based on local cultures, values, lifestyles, and accepting responsibility for decision making at the local or regional levels.
- Promote development and expansion of the "market economy" through coordination, and funding or co-funding some economic development activities guided by Economic Development Project Models 3 and 4 and definitions of "rural" and the rural Alaska economy located in the "Citizens' Strategy for Rural Economic Development."

Policy: (The Commission sets the standard.) Encourage local and regional economic development planning that meets commission standards.

- Encourage entrepreneurs that have feasible and sustainable economic development

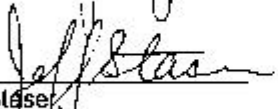
project ideas, especially those that complement local or regional plans.


- Encourage organizations that implement appropriate and feasible employment, training and development programs that demonstrate regional coordination, especially state and federal coordination with village and regional (ANCSA) for profit and non-profit corporations, other non-profits, regional and local governments.
- Fund public infrastructure that complement local or regional plans, especially those that are identified in statewide priority lists.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members, of whom constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 21st day of January 2000, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members, and opposed by members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

DATED this 21 day of January, 2000

SIGNED


Jeff Slater,
Federal Co-Chair


Fran Ulmer
State Co-Chair